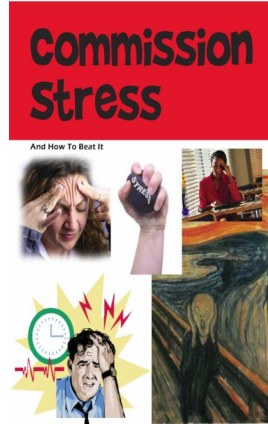
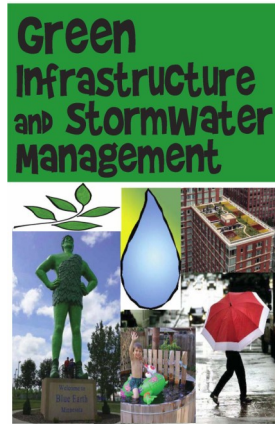
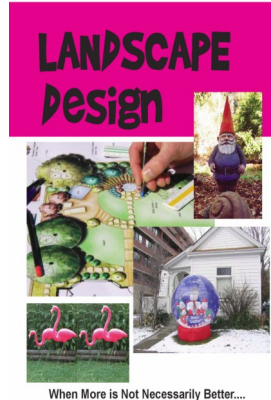


A Well Spent Saturday Morning

Commissioners' Forum, a fast paced networking and informational event, scores high marks from participants



The 2008 Planning Commissioners' Forum took place on January 26 at the Drake Conference Center.

Commissioners from Amberley Village, Cincinnati, Deer Park, Golf Manor, Lincoln Heights, Madeira, Montgomery, Reading, Sharonville, Springdale, Wyoming and the townships of Anderson, Colerain, and Green had the opportunity to establish face to face contact with their peers, learn of development issues and solutions implemented at the local level, and learn of

resources available to them in the County.

Keynote speaker was Tony Parrott, Executive Director of MSD, who made a presentation on Green Infrastructure for Stormwater Management. The presentation sparked a substantial question and answer session, since the implementation of green infrastructure is still a relatively new concept for many.

Other topics of conversation were: how to manage the unexpected consequences of

[land use/zoning] landscape requirements, planning commissioners' stress and what to do about it, what or how did you do to implement your community plan, and what are the opportunities or challenges that exist in your community in the use of green infrastructure to manage stormwater.

The Organizing Committee will meet in early November to strategize the 2009 Forum. If you want to become involved in organizing this event contact catalina.landivar@hamiltonco.org

Planning Partnership Members In Search Of Opportunities in County and Regional Initiatives



Sen. Richard Finan,
Chairman of the Planning Partnership

The 2008 Hamilton County Planning Partnership Annual Meeting will take place on April 7th at the Civic Center of Greater Cincinnati.

In addition to the regular business of electing new officers, celebrating the Frank F. Ferris II Award winner, welcoming new members, and discussing proposed changes to the resolution of cooperation and bylaws, there will be presentations on the progress in implementation of Community COMPASS, the 2008

Hamilton County Agenda for Growth, and Agenda 360 A Regional Action Plan.

A work session will follow for Hamilton County jurisdictions to identify opportunities in the proposed initiatives and on where and how to work together to promote prosperity in our communities.

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Elmwood Place Reaps The Benefits of Project Impact

By Catalina Landivar-Simon, AICP

Welcome to Elmwood Place

As Elmwood Place takes “baby steps” in its revitalization efforts, the favorable media coverage is encouraging and helps establish a positive community image

How it all started

When the Village of Elmwood Place became the first “Project Impact” community in 2006, nobody really knew where this new initiative of the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission (HCRPC) would take it. However, there were hopes by the Village administration that Elmwood Place will end up “in a better place” than it was. Back then, Elmwood Place was at the brink of bankruptcy and political turmoil had shaken the community of 2700.

The HCRPC had completed the long-range plan for the county, “Community COMPASS,” and was shifting into implementation mode. One of the Plan’s goals was to revitalize first suburbs. Project Impact was conceived as direct technical assistance to mature, built-out communities and neighborhoods in Hamilton County, faced with major challenges such as population and job loss, inadequate housing stock, aging infrastructure, shrinking tax bases, obsolete commercial and industrial properties and increasing social service costs.

The Process

A catalyst for the planning process that Elmwood Place

participated in, was the November 2005 World Planning Day Charter. Planners and other professionals from the area convened for a day to observe, evaluate, and suggest strategies for revitalization. In 2006, staff from the Regional Planning Commission worked with the Elmwood Place Planning Committee to refine the analysis of existing conditions, resources, and to refocus the attention from wishful thinking to an understanding of the advantages of a methodical and comprehensive approach, where clear goals were stated and strategies identified.

Ready for Redevelopment

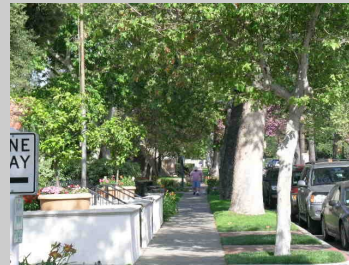
The revitalization plan focuses on establishing a Positive Community Image, providing Safe Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces, promoting Strong Residential Neighborhoods, creating a Lively Neighborhood Business District, maximizing use of the Industrial District, and providing Quality City Services.



Dr. Mimi Webb, Superintendent St. Bernard-Elmwood Place School District and Richard Ellison, Mayor of Elmwood Place

Having a revitalization plan has helped Elmwood Place leverage its limited resources by forging partnerships with organizations whose missions overlap with the Village’s goals such as St. Bernard-Elmwood Place School District, First Suburbs Consortium, Fine Arts Fund, Greater Cincinnati Foundation, Mill Creek Watershed

Council, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, University of Cincinnati School of Planning and College of Business Administration, Housing Opportunities Made Equal, and Working in Neighborhoods.



Elmwood Place will be a greener community. The Village is supporting efforts toward achieving Tree City USA designation. It has created a Tree Commission, conducted an inventory of trees in public places, sponsored a “Pruning Tree” class, and will celebrate Arbor Day by partnering with the local school in the distribution of White Pines, White Swamp Oak, and Bald Cypress. The goal is to have healthy tree-lined streets and small but manicured green spaces to enhance the quality of life of residents.

Dealing with building obsolescence and blight. With 82% of its building stock 60 years or older, lack of significant new building construction in over 30 years, and decades of relaxed enforcement of property maintenance regulations, Elmwood Place had a hard time reassuring residents and businesses that their investment in the community would be protected. To provide incentives to reinvest in the community, the Village conducted a complete overhaul of its Zoning Code, was successful in getting

Ohio’s Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Program designation, which grants tax abatements for building improvements in the entire community, and obtained funds to start an “Exterior Improvement Housing Grant Program.” This program reimburses up to \$3,000 to homeowners seeking to invest in cosmetic or structural repairs to the exterior of their buildings.

What is next

The Village has welcomed the commitment of Working in Neighborhoods (WIN), a well-respected local nonprofit that specializes in stabilizing neighborhoods through home ownership, to build and rehab a total of eleven housing units in the next couple of years.

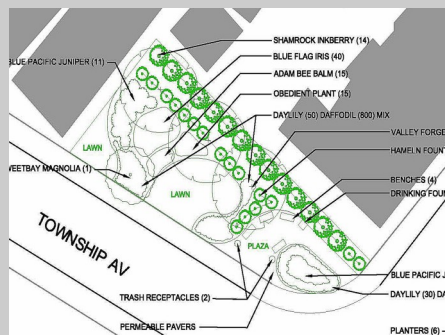
Other projects that the Village is tackling are improving off-street parking in the business district, reinforcing the perception of safety by consolidating fire, police, and administrative services in a visible and functional facility, increasing enforcement of property maintenance codes throughout the Village, and expanding the Village’s website.

In conclusion

Mayor Richard Ellison is a vocal supporter of the “Project Impact” initiative. He says: “I have said in the past and will repeat it again, without our involvement with Hamilton County Planning the village would still be on dead center. The staff of HCRPC has given our village and me in particular the necessary guidance and insight needed to grasp the various tools and processes necessary to proceed with our

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A large redevelopment effort includes beautification of the Village's public spaces. The first project implemented was creating visual markers with banners painted by high school students. This project was an amazing community building exercise. Next will be building a "Town Square" featuring a rain garden at the corner of Vine and Township (see design above), and new gateways. Businesses are also getting in on the beautification effort. Along Vine Street, the Omaha Paper Stock Company will landscape around their recycling plant, and Duke Energy is in the process of removing nine inactive power poles and some unsightly redundant wiring.

revitalization program. The dedication and concern by all of the staff has been a real learning experience for our village administration, allowing us to go forward in areas we have previously been unprepared to deal with. The success we have experienced so far is largely the result of your efforts. For which I am deeply grateful"

Municipalities participating in the Project Impact Initiative are Cheviot, Golf Manor, Fairfax, and a recent addition, Addyston. Project Impact, a free technical assistance program, is available to jurisdiction members of the Planning Partnership-Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission.

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Transportation Plan Will Determine Improvements For Next 20 Years

By Sarah Fry

A year ago, the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) began updating the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan. The plan is the long-range, comprehensive transportation-planning document for the three-state, eight-county Greater Cincinnati region. The plan establishes the region's existing and future transportation needs and allocates projected revenue to transportation programs and projects that address those needs. "We have been able to make great strides toward putting together an effective and realistic Regional Transportation Plan," said Christine Maticic, president of OKI. "The results of the plan will have a significant impact on the region as it will determine transportation improvements for the next 20 years."

In March, OKI completed its second round of public open house meetings, one in each of the eight-county region. These meetings provided OKI input from members of the community about the proposed transportation improvements. The plan contains approximately 200 improvements which are multi-modal and in-

clude roadways, transit (rail and bus), freight, bicycle/pedestrian and intelligent transportation systems (such as ARTIMIS). Now that the open houses and community input has been evaluated, the Plan will be finalized and then presented at a final public hearing planned for Thursday, May 29 at 5:30 p.m. at the OKI offices, 720 East Pete Rose Way, Suite 420.

The draft plan will be available 30 days prior to the public hearing on OKI's Web site at www.oki.org. A hard copy is available for review at the OKI offices and several other locations throughout the region. Contact OKI at (513) 621-6300 for these locations or for more information. The plan update is scheduled to be adopted by OKI's Board of Directors in June 2008 and upon adoption, the plan will be submitted to the federal highway and federal transit administrations for review and approval.

Sarah Fry is OKI Communications Coordinator. She can be reached at (513) 621-6300

City of Cheviot

Proactive Approach Wins Residents' Trust

By Steven O. Neal



Steven Neal

The "Heart" of a city is owner occupied housing. These are the residents who care and participate in city functions. In an effort to save the "heart" of the city, the City of Cheviot has embarked on a crusade to purchase \$1.00 HUD houses as they become available to protect our housing stock from Limited Liability Corporations. Working in conjunction with local banking services, donated contractor labor services and utilizing our Public Works employees, Cheviot is currently rehabbing the property at 3939 Davis Avenue. In addition the City has purchased a second property located at 3541 Bruestle Avenue. A third property available was in such poor condition it was recommended to HUD that the property be razed.

Because the City of Cheviot does not have funding available from its general fund, the city received a donation of \$10,000 from the Cheviot Savings Bank Charitable Foundation. In

addition Cheviot Savings Bank lent the city \$20,000 interest free with no payments. Upon sale of the property, the loan will be returned to Cheviot Savings and the remaining money will be used to move on to the property located on Bruestle Avenue. City Council currently is working on conditions of the sales and what qualifications will be needed.

Although small in size, the City of Cheviot has taken the posture of saving one house at a time if that is what it takes. The program itself has reaped benefits from the community in that morale has improved. Residents see that even with all the turmoil of the foreclosure crisis their City has stepped up and said, "We care! We are doing something about it." It restores the faith and hope of everyone. CHEVIOT – BIG CITY SPIRIT – SMALL TOWN CHARM!

Steven Neal is the Safety Services Director of the City of Cheviot. He can be reached at 513-661-2700.

Why Participate In the County's Community Development Program?

By Susan Walsh



Susan Walsh,
Community Development
Director

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program has provided grants to participating communities in Hamilton County since 1975, for such various projects as street and sidewalk reconstruction, senior and community centers

and programs, historic preservation, handicapped accessibility projects, traffic signals, civil defense sirens, downtown beautification and business façade improvements, among others.

The principal benefiting population for which these funds are targeted are low to moderate income (LMI) households, including seniors and disabled (who are automatically included in the LMI designation for the purposes of this program). However, elimination of slum and blight is also eligible, which includes funding to demolish dilapidated homes and businesses, and to fix up historic properties.

Currently, 39 of the 48 eligible cities, villages, and townships in Hamilton County participate in the Community Development Program, which makes them eligible to apply for the CDBG funds, for use in their own community. Their participation also allows their low to moderate income

residents to apply for County-wide projects, such as critical and emergency home repair grants, sewer system repair grants, water and sewer tap assistance grants, and tenant based rental assistance. These funds come from both the CDBG and the HOME Investment Partnerships funding from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The amount of funding that Hamilton County receives for the CDBG and HOME Programs is dependent on the participation of the cities, villages, and townships that make up the County. Each community that joins brings funding to the whole, based on demographics from the census, including population growth lag, poverty rate, and age of housing (pre-1940). Even if a community has no intention to apply for the CDBG funds, their participation brings more funds to Hamilton County, which can be used for Countywide activities



Some communities have used CDBG funds for beautification projects. Pictured above St. Bernard Entrance sign.

In a Nutshell

Estimated CDBG Funds available for 2009 – 2011	\$10,000,000
Cooperation Agreements due from Cities and Villages	mid-June, 2008
Applications for projects due	November 1, 2008
Funding cycle for 2009 begins	March 1, 2009

that benefit all of the residents of the County, and contribute to the economic well-being of the entire area.

Letters inviting all of the communities to participate will be going out in mid-April, with a deadline for cities and villages to sign Cooperation Agreements by mid-June. Townships are automatically included unless they opt-out. Participation commitments will be for the 3 year period of 2009 through 2011.

For more information on how to apply to participate in the Hamilton County Community Development Program, please contact Susan Walsh at 946-8235 or via e-mail at susan.walsh@hamilton-co.org.

Current Participating Communities

Cities and Villages		Townships
1. Addyston	15. Lockland	1. Anderson
2. Arlington Heights	16. Loveland	2. Colerain
3. Blue Ash	17. Montgomery	3. Columbia
4. Cheviot	18. Mt. Healthy	4. Crosby
5. Cleves	19. North Bend	5. Delhi
6. Deer Park	20. North College Hill	6. Green
7. Elmwood Place	21. Norwood	7. Harrison
8. Fairfax	22. Reading	8. Miami
9. Forest Park	23. St. Bernard	9. Springfield
10. Glendale	24. Sharonville	10. Sycamore
11. Golf Manor	25. Silverton	11. Whitewater
12. Greenhills	26. Springdale	
13. Harrison	27. Woodlawn	
14. Lincoln Heights	28. Wyoming	



Ohioans facing foreclosure now have a one-stop resource to turn to: Save the Dream.

Save the Dream provides homeowners information and access to housing counselors approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

By calling a toll-free hotline, 1-888-404-4674, consumers can determine if they meet income and other eligibility requirements to be connected with a pro bono or legal aid attorney. Qualified homeowners will be connected with a local legal aid program to be matched with an attorney. Basic income eligibility is 250 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, which is about \$54,000 annual income for a family of four.

At www.savethedream.ohio.gov, consumers can find:

- Tips on how to contact and what to say to their mortgage loan servicer.
- Information on how to contact a HUD-approved housing counselor
- Links to local foreclosure prevention resources, such as the grass-roots Save Our Homes task forces that have been established in about half of Ohio's counties.
- A model program for Ohio courts to use mediation in home foreclosure cases.

Hamilton County residents can contact the Legal Aid Society of Southwest Ohio 1-800-582-2682

For more information call 1-888-404-4674, or visit www.savethedream.ohio.gov

Source: The Consumer Advocate. A monthly e-newsletter from the Office of Ohio Attorney General Marc Dann. April 2008.

Communities Can't Wait to See HIP Program Reinstated

By Pat Hanrahan

Hamilton County's Home Improvement Program (HIP), suspended operation effective January 1, 2008. The suspension was the result of a budget shortfall that required cuts to a variety of county programs and services.

Begun in June 2002, HIP enabled borrowers to obtain a bank loan at an interest rate reduced by 3% in order to make improvements or repairs to their properties. Although recipients could borrow up to \$50,000, the average loan amount was \$16,500. Among the most popular improvements

were exterior enhancements such as siding, roofing and replacement windows and interior remodeling of kitchens and bathrooms. Over the life of the program, more than 2,000 loans were made with total proceeds of nearly \$34,000,000.

HIP was structured as a "linked deposit program". Under such an arrangement, Hamilton County accepted reduced rates on its deposits with participating banks in order to reimburse for the discounts offered to HIP customers. At the time the program was suspended, the loss in interest income was approaching \$300,000 annually.

HIP was extremely popular with the communities of Hamilton County. 47 of the

county's 49 jurisdictions signed up to participate. Unlike many other county programs, it was also available to residents of the City of Cincinnati. Over the 5 plus years it was available, Cincinnati residents closed on 669 HIP loans, by far the most of any community. HIP was also extremely popular in Anderson, Colerain, Green and Springfield Townships.

Over the years, enhancements were made to the program to attract new borrowers. In

2006, the property value limit was raised from \$300,000 to \$350,000. At the same time the loans were made available for commercial properties valued at under \$350,000.

County Program made "cheap" money available for repairs or improvements to properties

In terms of benefit to the county, the program has been an unqualified success. Nearly \$34,000,000 in material and labor have been invested in Hamilton County's housing stock. A study by a local research group estimated that the program helped the county retain over \$4,000,000 in sales tax revenue and increased property tax revenues by \$420,000.

County commissioners hope to re-instate the program in the future, once the hurdles of the present budget crisis have been alleviated. It won't be a moment too soon for the communities that came to depend on it.

Patrick Hanrahan is Program Manager at the Hamilton County Community Development. He can be reached at 531-946-8234 or via email at pat.hanrahan@hamilton-co.org.

HIP Annual Analysis 2002-2007

Year	HIP Interest	O/N Interest	Gain/Loss
2002	\$14,346.36	\$8,472.89	\$5,873.47
2003	\$122,587.72	\$61,783.66	\$60,804.06
2004	\$139,307.69	\$92,408.65	\$46,899.04
2005	\$203,332.16	\$281,567.89	(\$78,235.73)
2006	\$286,325.30	\$460,491.44	(\$174,166.14)
2007	\$253,413.52	\$526,738.18	(\$273,324.66)
Total	\$1,019,312.75	\$1,431,462.71	(\$412,149.96)

Note: The amounts shown are strictly investment figures. The HIP Interest is the amount of interest that the County earned on the CD's that we had invested with the various banks based on the amount of outstanding Home Improvement loans they had. The O/N interest refers to "over night" interest, which is where the County would have invested the funds if they were not part of the program. The gain/loss refers to the difference in interest between the two. The County actually made money on the program the first few years when rates fell below 2% since the County had an agreement with banks that the CD's not go below 2%.

Source: Jennifer Snyder, Assistant Investment Officer. Hamilton County Treasurer. March 14, 2008

What Can a Rain Garden Do For You?

By Tara Maddock

The Mill Creek Watershed Council of Communities (MCWCC) launched a regional initiative, Greater Cincinnati Rain Garden Alliance, to promote green solutions to storm water management concerns. The Rain Garden Alliance is promoting rain gardens, rain barrels, and green roofs as a solution to slow stormwater and help it infiltrate into the ground where it can recharge local groundwater supplies.

Rain gardens improve water quality by filtering out pollutants such as oil, grease, and excess soil and nutrients from storm water runoff. They also reduce the amount of water that is rushed off to storm drains and eventually to local streams and the Mill Creek. In our older neighborhoods, reducing the quantity of storm water helps alleviate combined sewer overflows that can result in raw sewage entering the Mill Creek. The Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati is also implementing “green” solutions as part of their efforts to reduce combined sewer overflows.

Large-scale benefits from small, green solutions such as rain gardens come from a large number of installations across the watershed and region – hence partnerships and outreach are essential. The Rain Garden Alliance offers a broad range of technical advice, workshops, and training opportunities to promote green solutions. They are also working on incentives for developers and working with local municipalities to address regulations which hamper the adoption of green solutions.

The Mill Creek Watershed Council and Rain Garden Alliance have partnered on several rain garden installations: Hilltop Elementary, Reading; Colerain Township Park; Miami University, Hamilton Campus; and Greenacres Foundation. Several more Rain Gardens are planned for Spring and Fall 2008: Elmwood Place “Village Square,” City of Springdale – May 16 and May 17, 2008 (includes municipal staff and residential workshops; planting two rain gardens), Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens, and Habitat for Humanity homes. For more information please visit the website: <http://www.millcreekwatershed.org/rain-gardens.html>.

Tara Maddock is Executive Director of the Mill Creek Watershed Council. She can be reached at 513-563-8800.

Rain Gardens, planted with native flowers and shrubs, provide important habitat for beneficial wildlife such as Monarch butterflies, birds, and bees. Rain Gardens resemble a typical landscaped flower bed except they are built in a shallow depression and designed to capture storm water runoff and promote infiltration of water into the ground. They are designed to hold water for only 24 hours before drying out.

These gardens are beautiful additions to homes, parks, businesses and government properties. Rain gardens are simple and inexpensive on-lot stormwater management options. Before installing a rain garden check with your local municipality on regulations regarding diverting storm water from the drainage system.



Partnerships and outreach are essential in the installation of rain gardens in public spaces. Above Miami University – Hamilton Campus Rain Garden



Hilltop Elementary in Reading, Ohio



Miami University—Hamilton Campus

news update

MSD and Regional Planning Commission Partner in Outreach Program

In June 2006, the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD) submitted its Wet Weather Improvement Plan (WWIP) to the USEPA, Ohio EPA and Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO), a requirement for the settlement of MSD Consent Decree. The Consent Decree litigation required MSD to develop solutions for stopping combined sewage overflows (CSOs).



Tony Parrott, MSD Executive Director during his presentation on January 26th to commissioners in Hamilton County about the Green Infrastructure Program.

The WWIP proposed expensive "grey infrastructure" —e.g. massive concrete storage tunnels. The Regulators (USEPA, Ohio EPA and ORSANCO) recommended that MSD review and consider "green infrastructure" methods that have the potential to provide water quality improvements at a fraction of the cost of "gray" infrastructure projects. Counter to expensive, centralized "gray infrastructure," "green infrastructure" uses widely

dispersed natural and man-made elements to mimic natural storm water control/management. Specific "green infrastructure" Best Management Practices (BMPs) include tree canopy and riparian corridors, rain gardens and vegetated swales, permeable pavement, green roofs, and cisterns/rain barrels.

In July 2007, MSD submitted to the Regulators its *Green Infrastructure Program*, <http://www.msdc.org/wetweather/greenreport.htm>. MSD is now trying to integrate the Green Infrastructure Program with the Hamilton County Storm Water Regulations. The Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission will collaborate with MSD in 2008 in an outreach effort to affected Hamilton County jurisdictions providing information on green infrastructure as well as other sustainable development controls for implementing MSD's Green Infrastructure Program..

Dean Niemeyer, Senior Planner-Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission, can be contacted at 513-946-4487.

Addyston 2008 Project Impact Community To Focus on Housing

The Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission welcomes the Village of Addyston as a 2008 Project Impact Community. Addyston is located in the southwest portion of Hamilton County along the Ohio River. It is bordered by the commu-

nities of Saylor Park, North Bend, and Green Township.

The focus for Project Impact in Addyston is to develop and implement strategies to improve the Village's housing conditions and to promote homeownership. The Village of Addyston's local non-profit organization, "Addyston Restoration Movement" (ARM) will lead the charge on this initiative. ARM's goal is to reduce vacancies and improve the quality of housing supply within the Village and to assist residents to make necessary repairs to their homes.



Dan Pillow,
Mayor of Addyston

For more information on the progress of the project contact JoAnna Brown, Housing Planner, at 513-946-4469. Housing Planning services are provided thanks to a United Way three-year Housing Grant awarded jointly to the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission and Housing Opportunities Made Equal.

Clarification:

A previous article "Hamilton County Gains Population" (December 2007) indicated HCRPC provided technical support for Census challenges in nine jurisdictions. However, Silverton's successful challenge was prepared by a consultant and not by HCRPC.

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UPDATE, a quarterly publication of the Planning Partnership of the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission (HCRPC), informs planning and zoning commissioners, elected officials and administrators, and others interested in development and redevelopment issues in Hamilton County.

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upcoming events

DO NOT MISS IT Planning Partnership Annual Meeting April 7, 2008

The Annual Meeting will take place at the Civic Garden Center of Greater Cincinnati located at 2715 Reading Road. The session starts at 9:00 am. A working session is scheduled to start at 10:00 am to discuss opportunities for local communities in county and regional initiatives.

For more information and to register contact Jay Springer at 513-946-4459

REGISTER NOW April 15, 2008 Meeting Management Training

Meeting Management Seminar
April 15, 2008

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Drake Conference Center

Instructor: Caroline Statkus has 20 years of experience facilitating community meetings and conducting team training sessions for local boards. She will review and provide tips on how to avoid common meeting management problems, how to con-

duct public meetings, and suggest facilitation techniques.

To register contact Jay Springer at 513-946-4459.

A registration form can be found at http://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/hcrpc/control/upload/database_download.asp?FileID=135

The Planning Partnership-Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission is now an APA/AICP continuing education provider. Certain training courses will be eligible for AICP credits. Keep an eye out for announcements about individual courses.

SAVE THE DATE April 29, 2008 First Suburbs Consortium Membership Meeting

The next First Suburbs Consortium of Southwest Ohio membership meeting will be Tuesday April 29, 2008 at 5:30 pm at the Aquatic Center Community Room located at 7700 Perry Street in the City of Mt. Healthy. The agenda will include a presentation by the County Commission-

ers about new programs to put vacant and abandoned properties back into productive use, and a housing rehabilitation panel discussion sponsored by Housing Opportunities Made Equal. For additional information, contact Andy Dobson at 513-946-4466.



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